

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB BULLETIN

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MEETING ROOM: The August meeting (on 21st Aug.) will be held at B.P.Theatrette, City Mutual Building, at the corner of Argyle & Liverpool Sts. - by courtesy B.P.Australia.

ALL SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS will be held on the FIRST Thursday of each month, at the Fellowship Room at St. James' Church Hall, New Town. This is at Stop 12 on Glenorchy and Lenah Valley bus routes.

Car parking is available in Rupert Ave, or at the rear of the Hall (off Rupert Ave). Access to the Fellowship Room is from the rear of the Hall.

The Club's Library will be housed at the Hall so that ready access will be available at meetings.

OUTINGS: will continue to be held on the weekend following the monthly meetings so they will be early in the month.

PROGRAMME

Aug. 21st: Speaker - Mr A Moscal.

Subject - Douglas River Area.

Aug. 23rd. Saturday: Outing - Domain and Knocklofty
Meet at the Prince at 10.a.m.

Sep. 4th.: MEMBERS' NIGHT

Sep. 6th, Saturday - Outing:Coningham.

Leader. M. Wall. Meet at the Prince, 10.a.m.

Oct. 2nd Speaker- Mr N. Kemp, Geologist, Tas. Museum.

Oct. 5th - note - SUNDAY - Outing to East Derwent.

Leader, Mr B Scott. Meet, the Prince, 10.a.m.

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MEMBERS' NIGHT

This programme depends on participation by several members. Generally, talks of about 10 minutes are suitable, with or without slides, illustrations or specimens.

Have you a special interest in one particular aspect of Nature? What about passing on to the Club members some of the interesting information you have gained? This helps us to get to know each other better, to find kindred spirits, or to awaken an interest in something we have not noticed before.

One good thing about a Field Nats Club is the variety of interests of its members -

Do you feel shy about getting up and speaking? Here is a chance for you to try your wings before an encouraging audience.

Some people find it a help to have a few clear notes with the headings of what they want to tell, a specimen as a focal point, or slides to illustrate their subject.

If speaking has no fears for you, give us the benefit of your study and discoveries.

So, DO YOUR BIT by taking an active part in this evening. Give your name and subject to the Secretary as soon as possible - the next meeting is only a fortnight after the August meeting because of the change of meeting place - and say if you will need the projector.

We look forward to a very interesting

MEMBERS' NIGHT

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The Bulletin.

Deadline for material for the November issue will be Friday, October 17th .

Folding night will be Friday October 24th at 6 Richardson Avenue, from 7.p.m.

Helpers welcome.

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THE TASMANIAN NATURALIST

To further the aims of this Club,

(-the encouragement of the study of nature, and the conservation of flora and fauna - these objects to be promoted by periodical meetings and excursions, the formation of a library, and the publication of papers and proceedings when deemed advisable)

... this supplement of The Bulletin is usually published quarterly. However, it is sometimes difficult to receive articles in time to fill each issue adequately. What is needed is a small "bank" of articles, of various lengths, available so as to produce a nicely balanced edition.

Not all articles need to be highly technical. Not all Tasmanian Naturalists are professional. There are many amateur naturalists who, by their own enthusiasm, help to arouse in other people a real interest in Nature.

Some non-technical articles could be instrumental in creating an interest in certain aspects of nature, pointing to a suggested line of study, or whetting the appetite for more information.

There are so many facets of nature to be explored and enjoyed by amateurs as well as professionals. Some of the 'Observations' related at meetings could very well be expanded into a short article which would be read with interest by a wide circle of nature-loving people.

We send both the Bulletin and The Tasmanian Naturalist to people in all States, and some overseas. We would be really interested to get an article by some enthusiastic 'Nat' 'out there', if, after visiting Tasmania, they would like to comment on some aspect of our nature scene, particularly interesting to them - perhaps comparing it with their own area.

THINK ABOUT IT

and see if YOU can manage to get yourself 'in print' in

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NATURE IN CHINA

We read that sparrows had been eliminated - but we saw some around the gardens - although very few. . Flies - we saw only one or two at any of our hotels although a couple of our chaps went exploring before breakfast and saw plenty of flies around the food market areas in back streets!

Dogs - saw only one or two in country areas, and none at all in the cities (they are prohibited). Cats - saw only two (emaciated) cats at one of the country stations. There were some (cattle?) egrets riding on the water buffaloes. Bonsais were a dream - all sizes, both indoors and out.

In the limestone mountains at Kweiline we visited an extensive cave system, lit up with varied coloured lights to show up the weird formations, and finished up in a huge underground amphitheatre where we found the inevitable stall selling postcards! There were groups of tourists everywhere being led round by efficient English-speaking (or French, or Japanese) Guides who did a very good job not to lose members of their respective parties.

The coolness of the cave was pleasant after the hot and humid atmosphere outside.

They certainly have the right idea about planting trees - every new street has room for a row each side. In the newer housing areas they begin with quite tall saplings braced with posts to prevent their being blown down. The older trees are all pruned regularly to a height which prevent their obstructing the view of the traffic. Trees provide a useful place into which they can poke their laundry poles and string their laundry lines.

Most of the housing is drab - unpainted cement type - but potplants are everywhere, and love of beautiful things comes out in the beautiful craft work, costumes for entertainments, silk embroidery, silk carpets, screens, jade ornaments, clay and painted figurines, watercolour paintings, decorated pagodas, formal gardens (parks), and bonsais.....

H.H. Westbrook.